

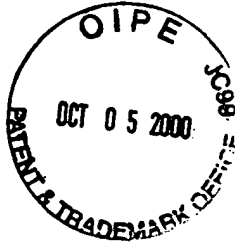
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In re application of

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached please find a copy of an English Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report received from the Applicants, to advance prosecution in the event such is not readily available from the International Bureau. Claims 1-16 of the PCT application were found to be novel, to involve an inventive step, and industrial applicability.

Respectfully submitted,

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